

Chapter 2.B Common APS Medical Abbreviations and Acronyms

Keep this hand out in your field book – there is room to add additional words.

/c – with

/s – without

A:)

AD – Alzheimer's disease

ADD – Attention deficit disorder

ADA – Americans with Disabilities Act

ADL – Activities of Daily Living

AIDS – Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome

ALS – Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis

AMA – Against medical advice

ASHD – Arteriosclerotic Heart Disease

B:)

BP – Blood pressure

bid/b.i.d – twice daily/two times a day

bx - behavior

C:)

CA – Cancer

CAD – Coronary Artery Disease

CCP – Comprehensive Care Plan

CNA – Certified Nursing Assistant

CHF – Congestive Heart Failure

COPD – Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease

CVA – Cerebrovascular Accident (stroke)

D:)

DJD – Degenerative Joint Disease

DM – Diabetes Mellitus

DNR – Do Not Resuscitate

DOB – Date of Birth

DPOA/HC – Durable Power of Attorney/Health Care

DSG – Dressing

DX or dx – diagnosed/diagnosis

E:)

EHR – electronic health record

EMT – Emergency Medical Team

ESRD/ERD – Endstage Renal disease

ETOH – Alcohol

F:)

G:)

GI – Gastrointestinal
GP – General Practitioner
GSW – Gun Shot Wound
GYN – Gynecology

H:)

HBP – High Blood Pressure
HH – Home Health
HHA – Home Health Agency
HIPAA – Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HIV – Human Immune Virus
HOH – Hard of Hearing
HS – hour of sleep or bedtime
HTN – Hypertension (High Blood Pressure)
HV – Home Visit
Hx – History

I:)

ICF/DD - Intermediate Care Facility/Developmental Disabled
(formerly ICF/MR – ICF/Mentally Retarded)
IDDM – Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus
IDP or IDN – Interdisciplinary Note or Interdisciplinary progress note
IM – Intramuscular
IV – Intravenous
IR – Incident Report
IQ - Intelligence Quotient

L:)

L – Left
LTC – Long-term Care

M:)

MAR – Medication Administration record
MA – Medication Aide
meds – medications
MDS – Minimum Data Set (a comprehensive assessment tool used for care planning)
MH – Mental Health
MI – Myocardial Infarction
MMSE – Mini Mental Status Exam
MOCA – Montreal Cognitive Assessment
MR – Mentally Retarded
MS – Multiple Sclerosis
MVA – Motor Vehicle Accident

N:)

NA – nurse aide or assistant (Nebraska does not certify nurse aides so the CNA is not always used)

n/a – not applicable

NF – Nursing Facility (only certified for Medicaid)

NIDDM – Non-Insulin Dependent Diabetes Mellitus

NOS – Not otherwise specified

nv – non-verbal

O:)

O2 – Oxygen

OT –Occupational Therapy/Occupational Therapist

P:)

PA – Physician's Assistant

Para – Paraplegia

PCP – Primary Care Provider

POA – Power of Attorney

PRN – as needed

PS or DU – pressure sore or decubitus ulcer

Psy – Psychiatric

PT – Physical Therapy/Physical Therapist

PTSD – Post Traumatic Stress Disorder

PUD – Peptic Ulcer Disease

PVD –Peripheral Vascular Disease

Q:)

Q – Every

QD – Everyday

QH – Every Hour

QHS – Every Night

QID – Four times a day

QOD – Every other day

Quad – Quadriplegia

R:)

R – Right

RC – Regional Center

RCF – Residential Care Facility

RCH – Residential Care Home

RCU – Restorative Care Unit

RN – Registered Nurse

Rx – Prescription

RO – Restraining Order

ROM – Range of Motion

RP – Reporting Party

r/o – rule out

S:)

SA – Substance Abuse

SC – Subcutaneous

SED – Severely Emotionally Disturbed

SI – Suicidal Ideation

SNF – Skilled Nursing Facility (only certified for Medicare)

SOB – Shortness of Breath

SOC – Share of Cost

Subq – subcutaneous

ST – Speech Therapy/Speech Therapist

SW – Social Worker

T:)

TAR – Treatment Record

TIA – Transient Ischemic Attack

TID or t.i.d. – 3 times a day

Thx – Therapy/Therapist

Tx – Treatment

U:)

UTI – Urinary Tract Infection

unk – unknown

V:)

VNA – Visiting Nurses Association

W:)

w/ - with

W/C – wheel chair

w/out – without

Y:) yo – year old

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